



## 2015 Chardonnay Charles Heintz Vineyard Green Valley of Russian River Valley

**ORIGIN:** Charles Heintz has been growing premium Chardonnay grapes for decades. This vineyard is located in the most western part of the Russian River Valley and is thus our coolest climate site. Charlie himself has said, “It’s like growing Chardonnay in a rain cloud out here.”

**VINEYARD NOTES:** Old vines are planted to wide spacing during the era when larger tractors dictated that plenty of room be provided perform the farming work. The large sprawling vines are quadrilateral cordon Clone 4 on AXR rootstock. Sandy Goldridge soil provides these vines fertile ground to grow strong. 2015 was a vintage of low yields and moderate weather. This fruit came in healthy ripe, hand harvested on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**WINEMAKING NOTES:** In order to maximize quality, all grapes went direct to press as whole clusters. After pressing and settling, the juice was racked into French oak barrels for fermentation. Once dry and finished with malo-lactic fermentation, the lots were aged in barrel for 10 months on the lees, with occasional stirring to increase richness and body. This wine was aged in French oak barrels, 33% of which were new, and bottled in August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**TASTING NOTES:** This Chardonnay has a refreshing first impression in the aroma of fresh cut pineapple fruit with just a touch of grassiness. The palate is clean and crisp with Meyer lemon citrus highlighting the punctuated and giving finish.

This vintage produced 6 barrels, 135 (750 ml) cases



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